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Road Board Abolishes Stanly County Gang.
A'benmarle, Nov. 28.—Following the indictment of N. C. Cranford, superintendent of the Stanly county chain gang camp by a local grand jury, and his resignation as superintendent yesterday, the county road board acting under authority of a special act

of the last legislature, has abolished the Stanly county chain gang, and the prisoners have been sent to Union county.
Members of the Amama communistic communities in Iowa refuse to ride in automobiles and do not believe in painting their houses.



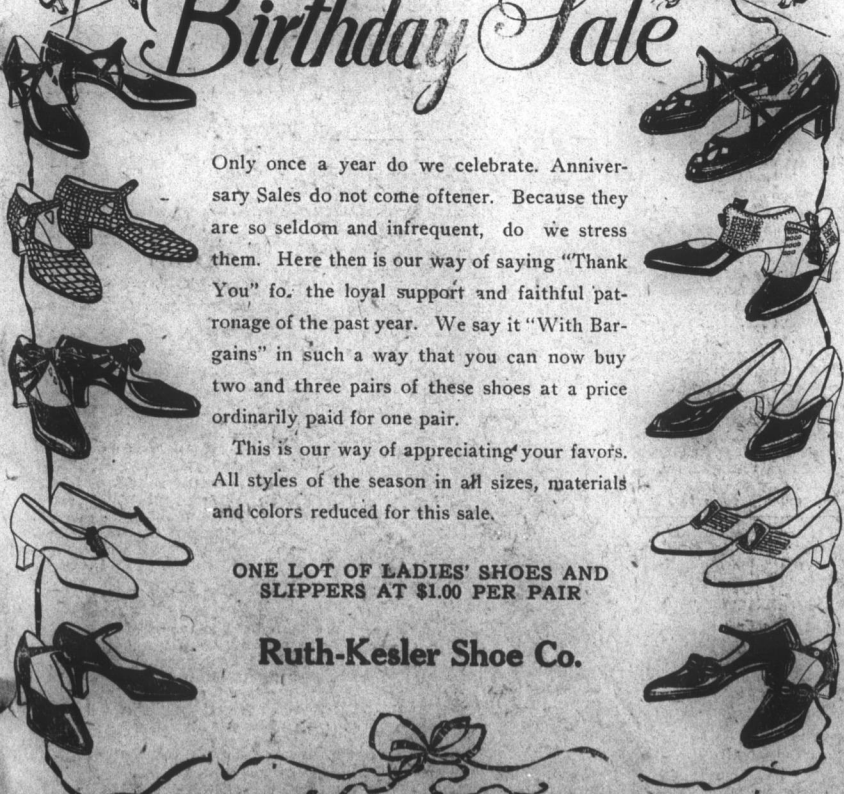
Birthday Sale

Only once a year do we celebrate. Anniversary Sales do not come oftener. Because they are so seldom and infrequent, do we stress them. Here then is our way of saying "Thank You" to the loyal support and faithful patronage of the past year. We say it "With Bargains" in such a way that you can now buy two and three pairs of these shoes at a price ordinarily paid for one pair.

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OVER THE HILLS.
Over the hills of New England Spinning today on the rail; Hills that are snow-clad and lonely; Hearts that tell their own tale.
II
Here where the birds and the eagles, Here where the learned ones dwell; Over the hills that look lonely, The many a tale they can tell.
III
Here weavers and spinners of ages, Bards and philosophers wise, Lived on these rugged old hillsides, With their silence, their beauty, their size.
IV
Spindly poplars and elm trees, Sycamores, birch and green pine; Snow-clad today as of old times, Pure as our Puritan fine.
V
Gone are the red men so treacherous, And Deerfield's tragedies sore, Now the Radio catches the story, That New England's hills sang of yore.
—ISABELLA McSPARREN.

Another Nightshirt Tale.
The Pathfinder.
Gen Von Sopsundski, a popular and well known German (on wash days at least), is quite a seasoned traveler. Always when he journeys overland by train he is accompanied by a faithful valet named Heinrich. When the general uses a sleeping car it is Heinrich's duty to assist him in a suitcase and carry the latter to his own compartment in order that his master, whose waist-line measured some 56 inches (when the balloon is fully inflated), may not be unduly crowded in his berth.
Some time ago the general had occasion to journey from Danzig to Berlin to attend an important meeting. As usual Heinrich had assisted his master into bed and had carried his regular clothes with him back to the coach in which he was riding. The general slept peacefully through the night and awoke when the train was about three-quarters of an hour from his destination. He was deeply chagrined, soon afterward to learn that the coach in which the valet was riding had been detached from the train in the night and with Heinrich on board was well on the way to the Russian border, some 200 miles distant.
With the valet of course had gone all of the general's apparel except his nightshirt. Railway attendants attempted to find among the passengers some one who could loan the unfortunate man enough clothes to make a respectable landing but as luck would have it no one could be discovered with clothing sufficiently large in the girth. The general's position would have been awkward and embarrassing one if he had not announced to think of a feasible way out of the difficulty. He telegraphed to the station in Berlin to have ready a Red Cross ambulance and when the train arrived he clambered into this conveyance, wrapped in a blanket.
He was conveyed to a hotel and from there he telephoned to a tailor, and to other artisans qualified to restore his missing outfit of clothes. He was soon fitted out and he attended the meeting as if nothing had happened.

The afternoon bridge club was holding its weekly session, "Ladies," announced the president, "it has been moved and second that these shall be no conversation at the table. What shall we do with the motion?" "I suggest," said a sprightly young woman, "that we discuss it while we play."

He Couldn't Stop It.
Little Edward and his sister May had quarreled. After an early supper, mother endeavored to re-establish friendly relations, finally quoting to them the Bible verse, "Let not the sun go down upon thy wrath."
"Turning to Edward she said: "Now, Edward, are you going to let the sun go down on your wrath?"
Edward squirmed a little as he looked into her face.
"Well, how can I stop it?" he asked.
What's In a Name?
In certain parts of Florida people marry young. A youthful giant was accosted by a friend.
"I expect ye're glad ye're goin' to be twenty-one, Jake, so ye can vote?"
"Don't care so much about voting," replied Jake, "but I'm glad about it. Now I can teach my oldest boy to call me 'Dad.' So far I ain't had the nerve to make him call me anything but Jake."
The December number of The Dance, a Macfaddey publication, will prove a revelation to those interested in the dance and dancers. In "The Story of My Life" Mikhail Mordkin begins his reminiscence of the days when he attended the Imperial Ballet School at Moscow and the numerous interesting personalities that crossed his path. Courtney Davidge's "The Art of Make-Up" deals with the manner in which prominent artists achieve the make-up for their dance-characterizations. "The Masks of Benda" tells something of their famous creator.
Youth—Five cents worth of castor oil, please.
Druggist—The tasteless kind, I presume.
Youth—Oh, no, it's for father.

"A HOME IS WHERE YOUR HEART IS."
Most any place is home to you, Your heart's a-rovin' wild; Because it once had lover, And because it once had child.
II
Your child has grown to manhood, Your lover's gone alone, You sit beside an empty hearth, Where one by one they've flown.
III
You chose the world's immortals, But children soon grow tall, And Mother, dear's a vagrant here, So roving is your call.
IV
Whose sorry but your own soul, Your loss is one of kin, With common nature's story, And common nature's sin.
V
The apple trees still blossom, Where the birds still build and nest, Put any place is home to you, When cov'ring suits you best.
—ISABELLA McSPARREN.

Minister "Lays" Ghost.
The Pathfinder.
In Leicestershire, England, is an old rectory, an old-fashioned, rambling building which has served in the past as a residence of some of the nobility of the county and, according to tradition, has been the scene of several tragic deeds. For some thirty years the people living in the vicinity of the old house had been annoyed by what they considered ghostly demonstrations. The servants about the place firmly insisted that the house was haunted and a number of visitors declared that while staying in the house they had had strange experiences which could not be explained by attributing them to natural agencies.
The rector of a neighboring parish who had once slept in the house declared that he was alarmed in the early morning hours by a violent tugging at the bed clothes. Although he held on as tightly as he could the covers were pulled to the bed. When he lighted a candle he found nothing wrong and the door was still securely locked. A careful, systematic search failed to furnish any explanation of the strange occurrence. Another parish who occupied the room at another time reported a like experience.
Then a strange thing happened. Another minister, garbed in the habiliments of his office, entered the haunted apartments and commanded the spirits to depart "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost." Ever since this exorcism, it is said, no ghostly manifestation of any kind has been seen by any one.

What Shall Be Done With Columbus' Statue?
The Pathfinder.
There is a statue of Christopher Columbus standing before a hotel at Colon, near the Atlantic end of the Panama canal, majestically surveying all the ships that pass through. But it has no definite status. It has not been christened by being properly transferred, formally unveiled and made the occasion of a solemn speech. The statue was made by an Italian sculptor on the order of Empress Eugenie, of France, and was intended for Vera Cruz, Mexico. It was during the brief time that Maximilian was the so-called emperor of that country the statue arrived in 1870 and went to Colon, a gift to Columbus.
The present difficulty arose from the wording of a proposed bronze tablet to be placed at the base of the statue. This matter was taken up by the Knights of Columbus who proposed the following inscription: "Christopher Columbus bequeathing to mankind his discovery the New World. Designed in 1864 by the Italian sculptor, Vincenzo Vela, and presented in 1866 to the New World by the Empress Eugenie."
Objection was raised that the empress had not presented the statue to the "New World" and, that, besides, the "New World" is not a geographical or political entity capable of receiving gifts. It was urged that it would be a historical mistake to make the tablet say any such thing. In the meantime the statue stands without its bronze tablet, during the settlement of the controversy, in the city of Colon—which is Spanish for Columbus.
When it gets its tablets on straight it will stand officially and with more dignity.

Native Talent Called Back.
Charlotte Observer.
One of the week's incidents in "ascendancy" which we must not overlook was the bringing back to the state of a fine bit of native talent. Duke University was in search of a master in mathematics, and in this case as in all others, it wanted to secure the best. So, the trustees went down to Decatur, where Agnes Scott is located, and brought home Prof. W. W. Rankin, Mecklenburg product of fine accomplishment in the field of mathematics and for five years filling that chair at Agnes Scott. Professor Rankin goes to Duke University as head of that department in "the richest university in America."
Professor Rankin is not so far advanced in years, because he is a graduate of the A. and E. College, at Raleigh, having had finishing touches put to his education at various institutes, including the University at Chapel Hill, Yale and Columbia. He was promoter of organizations in mathematics not only in his native state, but in other sections. He is accomplished in the art of mathematics and will prove an adornment to the faculty of Duke University.

Coloring the Truth.
The Pathfinder.
A guileless rustic who had applied for a situation on a railroad emerged from the examination room and informed his expectant relatives that he was color blind. "But you can't be," said his father, "you are no more color blind than I am."
"I know that, father," was the reply, "but it all comes uv bein' per-lite."
"What do you mean? Explain yourself."
"Well, I went into the room an' a man held something up for me to look at. 'Come,' said he, 'this is green, isn't it. You are positive it's green—quite pleadin' like, an' tho' I could see plain enough it was red, I couldn't find it in my heart to tell him so.' So I agreed with him, and they bundled me out."
Wife—Oh, darling, what a horrible suit!
Hubby—Yes, dear, I didn't know it looked so bad. And the worst of it is that it is guaranteed to wear five years.



Miss 1926
Smoked glasses ought to go over big next year. Here's Miss Dorothy Chandler of Los Angeles, garbed as fashion experts say the fapper of 1926 will be garbed.

MODEL OF JACKSON IS ONLY TENTATIVE ONE
Another One Will Be Made for Use in Actual Carving on Stone Mountain Memorial.
Washington, Nov. 28.—The figure of General Stonewall Jackson, contained in the present Augustus Luke-man model of the Stone Mountain memorial, is not intended to be a proper likeness, the Washington committee of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association declared today.
In a formal statement, the committee, which is headed by Admiral Cary Grayson, said the figure of General Jackson is merely to show his position in the central group, including General Robert E. Lee, and Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, and is not to be used as a model for the actual carving. Prior to beginning the carving the sculptor is making careful study of the features of General Jackson from approved portraits, the statement said, and the perfected model will be submitted to authorities before used for that purpose.
"Out of several figures shown in the central group," the statement continued, "only two—those of General Lee and Jefferson Davis, heading the procession—were intended to be correct at this time."
The figures are there simply to indicate their positions when the project is completed.
Mr. Lukeman has submitted the Lee and David models to a number of Confederate veterans who knew the characters personally, it was added, "and the unanimous verdict was that the models were excellent reproductions."

Chowan Bridge.
On December 22, the commission will let contract for the Chowan river bridge, a mammoth structure that is to connect Bertie and Chowan counties and reclaim for North Carolina territory a half dozen northeastern counties which have been here to force "Virginia cities."
The last legislature authorized a half million dollars for the construction of the bridge, the amount to be refunded from toll charges.
The commission's figures on the cost of the years' new projects presents a record that stacks up with the big construction period inaugurated with the first \$50,000,000 highway bond issues. Actual mileage completed in 1925, officials estimated, may run above 1,000 miles and exceed any twelve months period. Actual figures on completed mileage, or the cost, are not yet available, pending the annual check up at the end of the period.
Work to Continue.
Adequate finances for the continuance of the present rate of construction through many more months have been assured through highway bond issues of the legislature, county loans and federal aid. Highway Chairman Frank Page reported to Governor McLean some months ago that road building during the first two years of the McLean administration would exceed construction figures for any other like period. The governor is enthusiastically behind the program, and it will receive further boosting during his tenure in office.
Sportlife for December, a Macfaddey publication, has a most timely article, "An All-time All-American Football Team," how we picked what we consider the eleven greatest players of all time. "A Man Who Has Made Millions From By-Products of Sport" depicts the romantic rise of a millionaire. "Turkey Tracks" is the tale of a Christmas turkey hunt in the Ozark Mountains, told as only Ozark Ripley can tell it.
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BOYS AT DANCE BREAK UP FURNITURE AT HOTEL
The Washington Duke Hotel at Durham Learns a Lesson.
Raleigh News and Observer.
The Washington Duke Hotel seems to have learned a lesson. At least the management says it has learned a lesson from the experience of a Thanksgiving Day dance following the football game between Carolina and Virginia at Chapel Hill.
It couldn't be called a dance. The reports indicate that the affair was a small riot. The rioters were good-natured, though. When they tossed the furniture about they were in a playful mood. Smashing of electrical lights was another expression of exuberant youth. The hotel says it will take all the \$2,400 revenue from admission tickets to pay for the damage.
Presumably, the college element was predominant. If so, it is not the first time that college boys have found expression for their overflowing vitality in the destruction of property. It is not the first time that college boys have assumed that they are entitled to special privileges and immunities not enjoyed by others. It is not the first time that they have mixed whiskey with their fun.
Neither the whiskey nor the assumption that they are favored with special immunities under an unwritten law is to be condoned. In spite of some pessimistic critics, it is very probable that drinking in colleges is not nearly so general as it was a few years ago. It is also probable that the improvement in the treatment accorded freshmen extends along the whole line of college conduct and the whole line has been a similar improvement in the manners of collegians to other and the property of others.
But it is very evident that college authorities should show more responsibility for instilling the proper conception of college work in those students who matriculate without it. This group makes up a large proportion of students in almost every college. They go to college because they are sent, because it seems to be "the right thing," because they have been trained at home in the belief that a college education is a matter of course.
To a sizeable number of students (and this number seems to be ever increasing) college training is not a matter of course. Behind them, they have no college-trained fathers and mothers to set them examples. They are breaking through, without means by the sheer force of their own ambitions. The process means, not dances, not liquor, not fraternities and few social pleasures save the college contacts. It means, on the other hand, window-washing, yard-cleaning, clothes-pressing, wood-cutting, fur-nace-tending and a thousand and one odd jobs that this adventuresome band of youths has found that folks want done.
This group ought not to have to bear the stigma of the riotous thoughtless ones who have nothing better to do with their time and a higher conception of their obligation to themselves and to others than to smash hotel furniture at a social function even as an expression of playfulness.

\$2,000,000 IN ROAD CONTRACTS SET DEC. 1
Adequate Finance Assured For Many More Months of Road Building at Present Pace.
Raleigh, Nov. 28.—Two million dollars worth of highway contracts scheduled for letting December 1 will bring the state's total investment in new highway construction begun during 1925 to approximately \$20,000,000, setting a notable pace for the first 12 months of an administration that is majoring in both economy and progress.
Figures obtained from the state highway commission today list the mileage involved in the investment at 650, of which 425 is hard surfaced construction, and December 1 setting will add 80 miles, 60 of them asphalt or concrete.
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